is to be extended to other centres by and by, depending upon the development of facilities at those places.

(6) India is the third country in Asia to introduce such a Scheme to cover medical expenses in treating cancer.

(c) The innovative scheme was launched with advertisements in the leading newspapers on the 11th July, 1985. Publicity is being made through media to popularise the scheme. It will take time to assess the extent of response to the Scheme.

Robbery in the Panchsheel Enclave branch of New Bank of India

116. SHRIMATI MAIMOONA SULTAN:
DR. H. P. SHARMA:
SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that armed desperadoes struck on the Panchseel Enclave branch (New Delhi) of the New Bank of India on July 10, 1985 and made away with a huge sum of money;

(b) if so, the extent of money involved and the details of the circumstances relating to this robbery; and

(c) what steps Government have taken to apprehend the culprits and with what result?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) New Bank of India has reported that three youngmen came to its Panchsheel Enclave Branch, New Delhi at about 12.40 P.M. on 10th July, 1985 and informed the chowkidar that they wanted to operate the locker. The youngman, who were all armed with revolvers, after threatening the staff, forced open two doors of two Cashiers' Cabins and decamped with Rs. 3.01,560.

(c) The bank had lodged an FIR with the police on 10-7-85. The bank has, however, reported that no arrest has so far been made by the police.

Profit/loss Account of Bharat Gold Mines Limited, Kolar

117. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
DR. SHYAM SUNDAR MOHAPATRA:

Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND COAL be pleased to state:

(a) what had been the profit/loss of the Bharat Gold Mines Limited. Kolar during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) how much gold has been produced during this period, year-wise;

(c) what has been the value of gold produced, year-wise;

(d) how many workers are employed presently in Kolar Gold Mines; and

(e) whether there is any proposal to explore new gold mines during the Seventh Plan period; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL, MINES AND COAL (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) The loss incurred by Bharat Gold Mines Ltd., during the last three years, year-wise is given below:

Year	*Loss in Rs. lakhs*
1982-83	272.65
1983-84	569.14
1985-85	1066.00 (Provisional)

(b) and (c) Quantity and value of gold produced by BGML during the last three years, year-wise is given below:

Year	Quantity of Gold produced (in Kgs.)	Value of gold produced (Rs. in lakhs)
1982-83	1370	210 5
1983-84	1186	2017
1984-85	1091	1897

(d) The number of employees in Bharat Gold Mines Ltd. as on 1-1-1985 is 12699.

(e) Yes, Sir. During the VIIth Plan efforts would be made for location of new areas and for multi-disciplinary exploration in the identified areas. For the locations of primary ore prospects, integrated geological, geochemical and geophysical surveys are planned. Stream sediment sampling will be done to locate placer deposits. Geological Survey of India plans to undertake a total of 30,000 metres of drilling for gold investigation during VIIth plan period subject to the finalisation of the VIIth Plan.

Strike in Bokaro Steel Plant

118. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND COAL be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 660 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 7th May, 1985 and state:

(a) whether the strike by the workers of Bokaro Steel Plant has since been called off;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) what was the production loss due to the strike; and

(d) what steps are being taken by Government to improve industrial relations amongst the management and workers at the Plant?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STEEL (SHR K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The strike was called off from 13th May, 1985 as a result of an agreement between management and workers to refer the following matters for arbitration by the Labour Commissioner, Bihar:—

(1) Review of incentive scheme for the workmen of Blast Furnace (Operations) Department within the norms prescribed by SAIL.

(2) Review of manpower of Blast Furnace (Oeperations) Department within the norms prescribed by SAIL.

(3) Review of line of promotion of Blast Furnace (Operations) Department within the norms prescribed by SAIL.

(c) During the strike period of April 5 to May 12, 1985 the Bokaro Steel Plant lost production of about 1.5 lakh tonnes of hot metal and about 53,000 tonnes of saleable steel.

(d) Apart from this strike, the industrial relations at the plant have by and large been peaceful in the past on account of harmonious relations between the Plant Management and the Unions. This is evident by the man-days lost due to industrial relations and consequent production losses during the last five years as given below:—

Year	Man-days losses due to IR		Production losses due to IR	
	Mandays	As %age of man-days available.	Saleable Steel production lost (tonnes)	As %age of saleable steel production.
1980-81	16,721	0.127	9,456	1.120
1981-82	12,249	0.089	15,354	1.043
1982-83	1,686	0.011	1,256	0.082
1983-84	2,246	0.015	7,639	0.593
1984-85	15,316	0.097	15,147	1.038